

# Religions in Ancient Asia

# HINDUISM

Caste System: The social divisions in the Hindu religion

There are **FOUR** separate castes or classes.

1. Brahmin - Hindu priests.  
This was the highest  
class in Hindu society.
2. Warriors and Rulers
3. Landowners, merchants,  
artisans.
4. Servants and workers.

Below the fourth group was a group called the UNTOUCHABLES - this group was so low they were not even considered a class.

- \* Untouchables were rejected by all others.
- \* Had to use separate wells for water.
- \* Other caste groups were not allowed to have contact with the Untouchables.